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GLOBAL CHANGE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to DAVID EASTERLING of National Climate Data Centre and GERACD MEEHL there is steep rise in t extreme weather;

(b) whether the earth`s average temperature has risen about 0.6 degree celsius (1.1 degree farenheat) since the start of the 20th Century;

(c) if so, whether this is likely to lead to more rain, more heat and to increase the chances of drought; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government about this shocking global change?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a),(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. The study projects increase in the extreme weather events.

(d) The existing legal and policy framework in the country, supported by several initiatives to protect and improve the environment, adequately addresses the concerns of global change.